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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NISHEABA LEWIS : CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff

: **NO.** 

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FCA US LLC, d/b/a :

v.

CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a CHRYSLER GROUP LLC

and

ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

:

Defendants

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant FCA US LLC ("FCA US"), formerly known as Chrysler Group LLC, by and through its attorneys, Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, hereby respectfully files the Notice of Removal of this action from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, in which it is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, and in support thereof avers as follows:

- On December 22, 2014, Plaintiff instituted this action by filing a praecipe to issue writ of summons in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County. <u>See</u> Praecipe to Issue Writ of Summons, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- Subsequently, on March 19, 2015, Plaintiff filed a Complaint, alleging a breach of warranty claim involving an allegedly malfunctioning vehicle manufactured by FCA US

- and rented from ELCO Administrative Services, t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co. ("ELCO"). See Complaint, attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 3. Plaintiff is an individual with a stated residence in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania. She is a citizen of Pennsylvania. See id. at ¶ 1.
- 4. Plaintiff's Complaint named as a defendant FCA US LLC. See id. As is explained in further detail below, FCA US LLC is a citizen of the Netherlands and of the United Kingdom.
- The citizenship of a limited liability company, such as FCA US, is determined by the citizenship of each of its members. See Johnson v. Smithkline Beecham Corp., 742 F.3d 337, 348 (3d Cir. 2013); Zambelli Fireworks Mfg. Co. v. Wood, 592 F.3d 412, 420 (3d Cir. 2010).
- 6. The traditional elements of corporate citizenship, the principal place of business and State of organization, are not proper factors in the citizenship analysis of a limited liability company. See Johnson, 724 F.3d at 347-48 ("The principal place of business of an unincorporated entity is therefore irrelevant to determining its citizenship"); Rice Drilling B, LLC v. Int'l Assets Advisory, LLC, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 179394, \*12 (W.D. Pa. Dec. 23, 2013)(disregarding state of organization of a limited liability company in determining its citizenship).
- 7. FCA US is a limited liability company with a single member: FCA North American Holdings LLC.
- 8. In turn, Fiat North American Holdings LLC has a sole member: Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.

- 9. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. is a citizen of the Netherlands and of the United Kingdom, because it is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Netherlands, with its principal place of business in London. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1) (instructing that "a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of every State and foreign state by which it has been incorporated and of the State or foreign state where it has its principal place of business.").
- 10. Because its sole member is a citizen of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, Fiat North American Holdings LLC is also a citizen of those two foreign states.
- 11. Likewise, because its sole member is a citizen of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, FCA US is also a citizen of those two foreign states.
- 12. Therefore, for jurisdictional purposes, FCA US is not a citizen of Pennsylvania, as its sole member is not a citizen of this Commonwealth.
- 13. Plaintiffs' Complaint also names as a defendant ELCO Administrative Services, t/a
  Enterprise Car Rental Co. ("ELCO"). See Exhibit "B."
- 14. ELCO is a corporation formed and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, and with a principal place of business in the State of Missouri. See Exhibit "B"; see also Articles of Incorporation, attached hereto as Exhibit "C"; see also correspondence from counsel for ELCO, attached hereto as Exhibit "D."
- 15. Because Plaintiff is a citizen of Pennsylvania, and Defendants are not, diversity of citizenship exists in this case.
- 16. The amount in controversy was not clear from the face of the Complaint, and thus this case was not removable as first filed. The Complaint simply alleged that the amount in controversy was "in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars." See Exhibit "B."

- 17. Indeed, until very recently, all indications were that the amount in controversy in this case did not exceed \$75,000.
- 18. This case stems from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on May 29, 2011. See Exhibit "B."
- 19. Plaintiff had filed an earlier suit arising from the same motor vehicle accident, alleging that the amount in controversy was not in excess of \$50,000, the jurisdictional limit for Philadelphia County's compulsory arbitration program. See Complaint filed in Nisheaba Lewis v. Estate of John T. Johnson, attached hereto as Exhibit "E."
- 20. Further, the accident at issue was memorialized in a "Non-Reportable Accident Report," indicating that no injuries had occurred, and no vehicle towing was required. See
  Philadelphia Non-Reportable Accident Report, attached hereto as Exhibit "F."
- 21. Finally, FCA US's initial investigation revealed that Plaintiff's claims against Mr.

  Johnson's Estate settled for far less than the \$50,000 arbitration program jurisdictional maximum.<sup>1</sup>
- 22. However, subsequently, FCA US has learned that Plaintiff is seeking relief in excess of the \$75,000 jurisdictional minimum.
- 23. On April 29, 2015, the parties attended a Case Management Conference in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas. Plaintiff's Conference Memorandum, hand delivered at the conference, indicated an amount in controversy of \$125,000. See Plaintiff's Case Management Conference Memorandum, attached hereto as Exhibit "G."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although it was not a party to the General Release that settled that case, FCA US will honor the release's confidentiality provision by not publishing the precise settlement amount, or attaching the release as an exhibit to this Notice. However, to the extent the Court would find review of the release to be instructive, FCA US is prepared to provide a copy to the Court for an <u>in camera</u> review.

- 24. On the basis of this Memorandum, it is clear that Plaintiff is demanding an amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, in excess of the jurisdictional minimum set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).
- As a result, this Civil Action is one in which this Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, based upon the fact that there exists diversity of citizenship between the parties and the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs. Accordingly, this matter is one which may be removed to this Court by notice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446.
- 26. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(3), this Notice of Removal has been filed within thirty (30) days after service of Plaintiff's Case Management Conference Memorandum on April 29, 2015, which was the first notice to FCA US that this case was removable. See Exhibit "G."
- 27. The requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(A) are satisfied in that counsel for ELCO has consented to this removal. See Exhibit "D."
- 28. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal has been given to all adverse parties in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), and is noted in the Certificate of Service attached hereto.
- 29. Promptly after filing in this Court and the assignment of a Civil Action Number, a Notice of Removal will be filed with the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 30. Copies of all process, pleadings and Orders served upon the defendant are attached hereto in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a). These consist of the aforementioned Exhibits

"A" and "B," as well as additional documents that are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit "H."

WHEREFORE, Defendant FCA US LLC hereby removes this action from the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL, DENNEHEY, WARNER, COLEMAN & GOGGIN

By:\_\_

KEITH D. HEINOLD

Attorney ID. No. 30244

Attorney for Defendant,

FCA US LLC, formerly known as

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2000 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-575-2640 (P) 215-575-0856 (F)

kdheinold@mdwcg.com

DATED: 5/19/15

#### **VERIFICATION**

I, Keith Heinold, hereby state the facts set forth in the foregoing Notice of Removal are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that this statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

KEITH D. HEINOLD

Attorney for Defendant,

FCA US LLC, formerly known as

Chrysler Group LLC

DATED: 5/19/15

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal was served this date, via United States mail, to the following persons:

Robert Land The Curtis Center 601 Walnut Street, Suite 160 West Philadelphia, PA 19106

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# EXHIBIT A

#### **Robert Land**

Attorney At Law
The Curtis Center
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December 26, 2014

FCA US, LLC, d/b/a CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a CHRYSLER GROUP, LLC 1000 Chrysler Drive Auburn, MI 48326

ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO. 600 Corporate Park Drive St. Louis, MO 63105

Re: NISHEABA LEWIS Vs. FCA US, LLC, d/b/a CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a CHRYSLER GROUP, LLC And ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

CCP, PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER TERM, 2014, NO. 3279

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please each find a Civil Cover Sheet, Praecipe to Issue Summons and Summons in Civil Action filed against you as a result of the injuries suffered by Nisheaba Lewis in a motor vehicle accident occurring May 29, 2011, while driving a defective 2010 Chrysler 300 rented from Enterprise. A copy of the police report pertaining to this accident is provided herewith.

Please immediately forward these legal documents to counsel for defense of this action.

Sincerely,

ROBERT LAND

Chrysler Group LLC Office of the General Counsel

/kr Enclosures

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#### PRAECIPE TO ISSUE SUMMONSES IN CIVIL ACTION

(CODE: NEGLIGENCE, 2P. PRODUCTS LIABILITY)

TO THE OFFICE OF JUDICIAL RECORDS:

Kindly enter my appearance for the plaintiff in the above captioned matter and issue Summonses in Civil Action.

I certify that this is a Major/Non-Jury Products Liability action and that the amount in controversy exceeds Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

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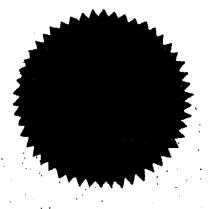
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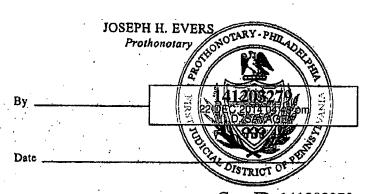
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Case ID: 141203279

# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DECEMBER Term, 2014 No.

NISHEARA LEWIS 1201 E. Willow Grove Avenue Wyndmoor, PA 19038

Vs.

FCA US, ILC, d/b/a CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a CHRYSLER GROUP, ILC 1000 Chrysler Drive

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And ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO

t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO. 600 Corporate Park Drive St. Louis, MO 63105

SUMMONS IN CIVIL ACTION ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE The Curtis Center 601 Walnut Street, Suite 160 West

Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 627-8222

(215) 627-8222 Attorney ID #04741 Attorney for Plaintiff

# EXHIBIT B

### FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA-11ed and Attested by

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And
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600 Corporate Park Drive

NO. 3279.

CIVIL ACTION - COMPLAINT UNDER THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

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600 Corporate Park Drive St. Louis, MO 63105

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#### CIVIL ACTION

#### COMPLAINT UNDER THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

- Plaintiff is an adult individual and citizen of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing therein in Wyndmoor at 1201
   Willow Grove Avenue.
- 2. Defendants, FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation, a/k/a Chrysler Group, LLC, and Elco Administrative Services, t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co., are manufacturers, marketers, sellers and distributors of motor vehicles and, in particular, the 2010 Chrysler automobile, VIN 2C3CA5CV6AH309133, which is the subject matter of this litigation.

- 3. On or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, the plaintiff was driving the subject Chrysler automobile when it collided with another motor vehicle at the intersection of Musgrave and Chelten Avenues, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the accident occurring in such manner that the frontal driver-side airbag should have deployed, as the result of which plaintiff suffered injuries and/or enhanced injuries which are hereinafter more fully set forth at length.
- 4. Said automobile and its parts were expressly and impliedly warranted by the defendants to be reasonably fit, merchantable and suitable for the ordinary purposes for which they were to be used.
- 5. The automobile and its component parts were not merchantable, fit and suitable for the ordinary purposes for which they were to be used.
- 6. The defendants, knowing the purposes for which the automobile was intended to be used and the use to which it would be put, impliedly warranted same to be suitable and fit for a particular purpose.
- 7. The automobile and its component parts were not fit for the particular purpose of the plaintiff's use and did, in fact, cause the plaintiff's injuries.
- 8. Solely due to the actionable conduct as aforesaid of the defendants under Pennsylvania's adoption of the Uniform Commercial Code, plaintiff suffered serious injuries; she suffered lumbosacral sprain and strain; she suffered a trauma to the head, cerebral concussion and syndrome therefrom, including a seizure disorder; she suffered contusions, lacerations and abrasions

to her face, mouth, chest, jaw and left knee; she suffered other serious orthopedic, neurological and internal injuries; she sustained arthritic and vascular changes; she suffered a severe shock and injury to her nerves and nervous system; she has required medicines, medical care and treatment for which she paid and incurred expenses; she suffered from agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish; and she has been disabled from performing her usual duties, occupations and avocations.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff claims damages of the defendants in a sum

in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

#### **VERIFICATION**

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE, states that he is the attorney for Nisheaba Lewis, the plaintiff in the foregoing action; that he is authorized to take this Verification on plaintiff's behalf, and that each and every allegation contained in plaintiff's Complaint is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: 3/19/15

## EXHIBIT C

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen years or more for the purpose of forming a corporation under The General and Business Corporation Law of Missouri adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

- 1. The name of the corporation is ELCO Administrative Services Company.
- 2. The address, including street and number, if any of the corporation's initial registered office in this state is 600 Corporate Park Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63105 and the name of its initial agent at such address is John T. O'Connell.
- 3. The aggregate number, class and par value, if any of shares, which the corporation shall have authority to issue shall be:

One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of common stock having a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) each.

The preferences, qualifications, limitations, restrictions, and the special or relative rights, including convertible rights, if any, in respect of the shares of each class are as follows: NONE.

- 4. The extent, if any, to which the preemptive right of a shareholder FILE OF AND CERTIFICATE OF additional shares is limited or denied. NOT DENIED INCORPORATION ISSUED
- 5. The name and place of resident of each incorporator is as follows:

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Name
Street
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Thomas E. Toney, III
231 S. Bemiston Avenue
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- 6. The number of directors to constitute the board of directors is three (3).
- 7. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
- 8. The corporation is formed for the following purposes: To perform administrative services of all kinds and to engage in any other lawful business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Incorporation have been signed this 8th day of March, 1998.

Thomas E. Toney, III

STATE OF MISSOURI ) SS. COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS )

I, Gail A. Griggs, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1998, personally appeared before me, Thomas E. Toney, III, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the person who signed the foregoing document as incorporator, and that the statements herein contained are true.

Notary Public

GAIL A GRICGS
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MISSOURI
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#### Rebecca McDowell Cook Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, DUPLICATE ORIGINALS OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMPANY

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH ARTICLES, IN ALL RESPECTS, COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF GENERAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY LAW, DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND DECLARE THIS ENTITY A BODY CORPORATE, DULY ORGANIZED THIS DATE AND THAT IT IS ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED UNDER THE GENERAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND IMPRINTED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ON THIS, THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

Secretary of State

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# EXHIBIT D

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#### Smith, Janet M.

From: Christopher Pakuris [cpakuris@margolisedelstein.com]

**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2015 11:31 AM

To: Heinold, Keith D.

Subject: Lewis vs FCA US and ELCO Administrative Services ( here in after " ELCO " )

#### Dr Mr Heinold,

Please be advised that I agree to the removal of the above case from the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court to the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and note the following;

1> ELCO is incorporated in the state of Missouri;

2> ELCO has no offices in Pennsylvania;

3> ELCO's principle place of Business in in St Louis Missouri;

4> ELCO's closest office is located in Waynn NJ;

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Chris



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NISHEABA LEWIS 1201 E. Willow Grove Avenue Wyndmoor, PA 19038

JULY TERM, 2013

Vs.

ESTATE OF JOHN T. JOHNSON, Deceased 2029 Church Lane Philadelphia, PA 19138

NO. 2925

CIVIL ACTION

COMPLAINT

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: NO. 2925

#### **CIVIL ACTION**

#### **COMPLAINT**

- 1. On or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, the defendant, John T. Johnson Estate, hereinafter referred to as defendant and/or John T. Johnson, owned, (or was bailed to), possessed, controlled, maintained and operated a certain Ford Mustang convertible which was involved in the accident hereinafter described.
- 2. On that date, the plaintiff, Nisheaba Lewis, was operating a commercial vehicle, which she rented from Enterprise Car Rental, in a southerly direction on Musgrave Street, in the City of Philadelphia, PA, and when she approached Musgrave's intersection with Chelten Avenue, she attempted to enter the intersection on a green light when defendant, suddenly and without warning facing west on Chelten Avenue, carelessly entered the intersection on a

red light directly in the path of plaintiff's vehicle, causing a collision by which plaintiff was thrown about her restraints and portions of the interior of the Chrysler 300, causing her to suffer serious injuries which are hereinafter more fully set forth at length.

- 3. The negligence and carelessness of John T. Johnson consisted in the following:
- (a) He failed to have his motor vehicle under proper and adequate control at the time;
- (b) He failed to give sufficient and proper warning of the approach of his motor vehicle;
- (c) He operated his motor vehicle without due regard for the rights, safety and position of the plaintiff at the point aforesaid;
  - (d) He failed to maintain a proper lookout;
- (e) He violated those sections of the motor vehicle code relating to duties of motorists approaching controlled intersections.
- 4. Solely by reason of the negligence and carelessness of the defendant as aforesaid, the plaintiff suffered serious injuries; she suffered cervical sprain and strain; she suffered thoracic sprain and strain; she suffered lumbosacral sprain and strain; she suffered a trauma to the head, cerebral concussion and syndrome therefrom, including a seizure disorder; she suffered contusions, lacerations and abrasions to her face, mouth, chest, jaw and left knee; she suffered other serious orthopedic, neurological and internal injuries; she sustained arthritic and vascular changes; she suffered a severe shock and

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5. Solely by reason of the negligence and carelessness of the defendant as aforesaid, the 2010 Chrysler 300 bailed to the plaintiff was damaged in and about the front and claim is being made for the cost of repairs or the fair market value of the vehicle at the time of the loss, whichever is lesser, together with loss of use and other incidental expenses.

wherefore, plaintiff claims damages of the defendant in a sum not in excess of Fifty Thousand, (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

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#### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL TRIAL DIVISION

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And
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NO. 3279

DECEMBER TERM, 2014

## CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

Fil	ling party: Nisheaba Lewis By: Robert Land	Esc			
Co	ounsel's address and telephone number (IMPORTANT)				
	The Curtis Center				
	601 Walnut Street, Suite 160 West				
	Philadelphia, PA 19106				
	(215) 627-8222				
	Part A				
	(to be completed in personal injury cases)				
1.	Date of accident or occurrence: May 29, 2011				
	1(a). Age of Plaintiff(s):31; d.o.b. March 30, 1984				
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	If yes, indicate the type of permanent injury: Residuals from cerebral concussion.				
4.	Dates of medical treatment: 5/29/11 - 4/14/14				
5.	Is medical treatment continuing?				
5.	Has there been an inpatient hospitalization?				

This form shall be presented to the Case Manager and copies served upon all parties at the Case Management Conference by counsel prepared to discuss its contents.

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7	. Has there been any surgery?		Yes 🗓 No					
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Attorney for Defendant, Filed and Attested by ELCO Administrative Serve By The Transfer of Car Rental Co.

NISHEBA LEWIS

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

V.

FCA US, LLC, D/B/A CHRYSLER CORPORATION, A/K/A CHRYSLER GROUP, LLC AND ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES T/A ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

NO. 141203279

#### PRAECIPE TO FILE COMPLAINT

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Please enter a Rule upon Plaintiff to file a Complaint within twenty (20) days hereof or suffer the entry of a Judgment of Non Pros.

#### MARGOLIS EDELSTEIN

BY: \s\ Christopher J. Pakuris, Esquire
Christopher J. Pakuris, Esquire
Attorney for Defendant,
ELCO Administrative Services t/a Enterprise
Car Rental Co.

#### RULE TO FILE COMPLAINT

AND NOW, this day of , 2015, a Rule is hereby granted upon Plaintiff to file a Complaint herein within twenty (20) days after service hereof or suffer the entry of a Judgment of Non Pros.

PROTHONOTARY	

	I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this paper upon all other parties or their attorneys by:  regular mail certified mail other By:	
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### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE JURY TRIAL DEMAND

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES T/A

ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

Please enter our appearance on behalf of the Defendant, ELCO Administrative Services t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co. , in the above captioned case.

Defendant, ELCO Administrative Services t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co., demands a jury trial in the above case. Jury of 12 plus alternates demanded.

MARGOLIS EDELSTEIN

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#### MARSHALL DENNEHEY WARNER **COLEMAN & GOGGIN**

BY: KEITH D. HEINOLD Attorney ID. No. 30244 2000 Market Street Suite 2300 Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-575-2640

Attorney for Defendant FCA US LLC, Formerly 29 JAN, 2015, 02, 15 pm Known as Chrysler Group LE

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V.

FCA US LLC, d/b/a DECEMBER TERM, 2014

CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC NO. 3279

and

ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a/ ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

#### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of defendant, FCA US LLC, Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC, in the above-captioned matter.

#### MARSHALL DENNEHEY WARNER **COLEMAN & GOGGIN**

BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD Attorney for Defendant FCA US LLC, Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC

DATED: January 29, 2015

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NISHEABA LEWIS : COURT OF COMMON PLEAS : PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

FCA US LLC, d/b/a : DECEMBER TERM, 2014

CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a :

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC : NO. 3279

and : ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, :

t/a/ ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

#### PRAECIPE TO FILE COMPLAINT

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Please enter a Rule upon plaintiff, Nisheaba Lewis, to file a Complaint within twenty (20) days or suffer the entry of a Judgment of Non Pros.

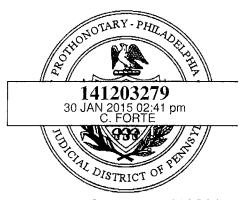
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BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD Attorney for Defendant FCA US LLC, Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC

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TO ALL PARTIES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE ENGLOSSE Attested by NEW MATTER and CROSSCLAIM WITHHONOTARY 20 DAYS FROM SERVICE HERE DEARS 2015-01.17 pm A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED ACCUMPNIONS

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and

ELCO Administrative Services

t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co.

## DEFENDANT ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES T/A ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT WITH NEW MATTER AND CROSSCLAIM

ELCO Administrative Services t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co., by counsel Margolis Edelstein, replies to plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

1. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and therefore, the defendant denies the allegations and demands strict proof thereof at trial of this

case, if relevant. Moreover, the allegations contained in this paragraph are conclusions of law to which the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure require no responsive pleadings, are therefore denied, and strict proof thereof is demanded at the time of trial, if relevant.

- 2. Denied. The allegations contained in this paragraph are conclusions of law to which the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure require no responsive pleadings, are therefore denied, and strict proof thereof is demanded at the time of trial, if relevant. Moreover, ELCO Administrative Services is a third-party claims administration company that does not own any rental vehicles, does not rent vehicles, and their only connection to this matter is that they are the third-party claims administrator who has been sent this claim for claims administration. Moreover, they do not transact business as Enterprise Car Rental Co. and Enterprise Car Rental Co. is not a business entity, company, partnership, corporation or any other type and description of business entity other than a fictitious name under which hundreds of rental car companies do business. Moreover, ELCO Administrative Services and/or Enterprise Car Rental Co. are not manufacturers, marketers, sellers or distributors of motor vehicles, and in particular a 2010 Chrysler automobile identified in plaintiff's Complaint.
- 3. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and therefore, the defendant denies the allegations and demands strict proof thereof at trial of this case, if relevant. Moreover, the allegations contained in this paragraph are conclusions of law to which the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure require no responsive pleadings, are therefore denied, and strict proof thereof is demanded at the time of trial, if relevant.
- 4-7. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in these

paragraphs and therefore, the defendant denies the allegations and demands strict proof thereof at trial of this case, if relevant. Moreover, the allegations contained in these paragraphs are conclusions of law to which the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure require no responsive pleadings, are therefore denied, and strict proof thereof is demanded at the time of trial, if relevant. Still further, answering defendant did not manufacture, market, sell, distribute or design any vehicle, and specifically the vehicle described in plaintiff's Complaint and, therefore, did not either expressly or impliedly warrant the fit, merchantability, or suitability for ordinary purposes for which they were to be used. Finally, answering defendant had no part or connection with plaintiff's accident or the cause of same.

8. Denied. After reasonable investigation, answering defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments contained in this paragraph and therefore, the defendant denies the allegations and demands strict proof thereof at trial of this case, if relevant. Moreover, the allegations contained in this paragraph are conclusions of law to which the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure require no responsive pleadings, are therefore denied, and strict proof thereof is demanded at the time of trial, if relevant. Moreover, this is not a Uniform Commercial Code case but rather a simple tort liability motor vehicle case and, therefore, a two-year statute of limitations is applicable and the expiration of that statute of limitation bars plaintiff's recovery in this matter.

#### **NEW MATTER**

By way of further answer the answering defendant avers the following New Matter:

9. If it is determined that the defendant is liable on the plaintiff's cause of action, the defendant avers that the plaintiff's recovery should be eliminated or reduced in accordance with the Pennsylvania Comparative Negligence Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A. §7102.

10. If it is determined that the defendant is liable on the plaintiff's cause of action, the defendant avers that the plaintiff's recovery should be eliminated or reduced in accordance with the

Pennsylvania Comparative Negligence Act, 42 Pa. C.S.A. §7102.

11. It is further averred that if the plaintiff suffered any injuries/damages as alleged, they were caused solely and primarily by the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of the third parties

both unknown to the answering defendant and over whom answering defendant had no control.

12. It is further averred by the answering defendant that if the plaintiff suffered any

injuries/damages as alleged, said plaintiff by her conduct assumed the risk of those injuries/damages.

13. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure answering defendant avers that

co-defendant FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation, a/k/a Chrysler Group LLC is solely liable

to plaintiff on the cause of action, or jointly and severally liable over to answering defendant on the

cause of action declared upon in plaintiff's Complaint.

14. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure it is further averred that if it

is determined that the answering defendant is liable in plaintiff's cause of action, said answering

defendant avers that co-defendant FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation a/k/a Chrysler Group

LLC is liable to answering defendant for indemnity, subrogation and contribution pursuant to

contract, lease and/or common law.

15. The answering defendant asserts all of the defenses, limitations and exclusions

available under the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. §1701 et seq., and avers

that the plaintiff's remedies are limited exclusively thereto, and therefore the present action is barred.

16. It is further averred by the answering defendant that the plaintiff in the present action

violated the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and therefore said accident was

solely caused by the negligence and carelessness of the plaintiff.

17. It is further averred by the answering defendant that co-defendant, FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation a/k/a Chrysler Group, LLC, in the present action violated the provisions

of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, and therefore said accident was caused solely by the

negligence, recklessness and carelessness of said co-defendant.

18. It is further averred by the answering defendant that the plaintiff's cause of action is

barred by the appropriate statute of limitations.

19. It is further averred by the answering defendant that plaintiff's cause of action

occurred on May 29, 2011 and, therefore, the statute of limitations with regard to this motor vehicle

personal injury tort claim expired on May 29, 2013 and, therefore, based upon the Pennsylvania

appropriate two-year statute of limitations for personal injury tort claims, plaintiff's action is barred

and there can be no recovery.

20. In the event the plaintiff requests damages for delay pursuant to Rule 238 of the

Pennsylvania Rules, answering defendant here challenges the applicability and constitutionality of

said Rule, places it at issue and demands a hearing on the matter.

21. Answering defendant asserts that at the time and place averred in plaintiff's

Complaint, a sudden and unexpected emergency situation arose which as a matter of law relieves

answering defendant from any and all liability.

22. Answering defendant asserts that at the time and place averred in plaintiff's

Complaint, an intervening and superseding event/action took place which as a matter of law relieves

answering defendant from any and all liability.

23. Answering defendant avers that plaintiff's alleged injuries, damages and treatment are

unreasonable and excessive in light of the facts of this case.

24. Answering defendant avers that plaintiff has failed to take all reasonable and

necessary steps to mitigate damages and injuries allegedly suffered in this case.

25. Answering defendant avers that either some or all of plaintiff's alleged injuries, damages and treatment are unrelated to the accident and/or incident which is the basis for this

lawsuit.

26. Answering defendant denies each and every other allegation in all causes of action

not heretofore denied.

27. Answering defendant asserts that the product in question suffered a substantial change

in condition subsequent to sale, design, production and/or manufacture and/or prior to the product

coming into the possession of the answering defendant and/or leaving control of the answering

defendant.

28. Answering defendant avers that the product in question was used in a manner that

same was neither intended, designed nor anticipated it would be used.

29. Answering defendant avers that the product in question was neither implied or

actually warranted for the manner and use the product was put to.

30. Plaintiff's claims are barred due to plaintiff having elected a Limited Tort Option

pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S.A. 1705 or as a result of plaintiff being a household member of a policy

containing such Limited Tort Option. As a result of plaintiff not having incurred a serious injury as

set forth in 75 Pa.C.S.A. 1705, plaintiff's claim, insofar as plaintiff seeks recovery for pain and

suffering or other non-monetary damages, must be stricken.

31. Answering defendant avers that ELCO Administrative Services is a third-party claims

administrator and does not own the vehicle involved in this action, does not manufacture, design,

sell distribute and is not a maker of any vehicles, and specifically the 2010 Chrysler automobile

described in plaintiff's Complaint.

32. Answering defendant avers that Enterprise Car Rental Co. is a fictitious name and is not a business entity of any kind, type or description such as a partnership, business, corporation, etc. and the fictitious name is used by hundreds of car rental companies throughout the United States.

33. Answering defendant ELCO Administrative Services t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co. did not own the 2010 Chrysler automobile described in plaintiff's Complaint.

# NEW MATTER CROSSCLAIM OF ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO. AGAINST FCA US, LLC, d/b/a CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a CHRYSLER GROUP, LLC PURSUANT TO PA.R.C.P. 103.1

- 34. Answering defendant incorporates by reference the factual averments contained in plaintiff's Complaint and answering defendant's New Matter as fully as if the same were here set forth as length. However, answering defendant does not admit the facts contained in plaintiff's Complaint by reason of their incorporation herein.
- 35. At the time and place of the accident described in plaintiff's Complaint, the motor vehicle driven by plaintiff was designed, manufactured, assembled, marketed, distributed and sold by co-defendant FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation, a/k/a Chrysler Group, LLC.
- 36. Answering defendant asserts that co-defendant FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation, a/k/a Chrysler Group, LLC is alone liable, or is jointly and severally liable, or is liable over to the answering defendant on the cause of action declared upon in the Complaint and, therefore, said co-defendant is hereby severed and joined on this crossclaim. Moreover, if it is further determined that answering defendant is liable in plaintiff's cause of action, said answering defendant avers that co-defendant is liable to answering defendant for indemnity, subrogation, and contribution pursuant to contract, lease and/or common law.

WHEREFORE, answering defendant ELCO Administrative Services, t/a Enterprise Car

Rental Co. respectfully requests this Court to find in its favor on plaintiff's cause of action, or find that co-defendant FCA US, LLC, d/b/a Chrysler Corporation, a/k/a Chrysler Group, LLC is jointly and severally liable, or liable over to the answering defendant on the cause of action declared upon in plaintiff's Complaint.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARGOLIS EDELSTE

By:

Christopher J. Pakyris, Esquire

Attorney for Defendant,

ELCO Administrative Services t/a

Enterprise Car Rental Co.

**VERIFICATION** 

The undersigned, having read the attached pleading verifies that the within pleading

is based on information furnished to counsel, which information has been gathered by counsel in

the course of this lawsuit. The language of the pleading is that of counsel and not of signer.

Signer verifies that he has read the within pleading and that it is true and correct to the best of

signer's knowledge, information and belief. To the extent that the contents of the pleading is that

of counsel, verifier has relied upon counsel in taking this Verification. This Verification is made

subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to

authorities.

**ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** 

BY:

Laura Pole Liability Administrator

DATE:

Lewis v. ELCO 53250.0-0238

#### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, I electronically filed the foregoing Answer with New Matter and Crossclaim with the Prothonotary using the Philadelphia Courts Electronic Filing System which will automatically send notification of such filing to all counsel of record registered with the Philadelphia Courts Electronic Filing System. All parties not served electronically will be served in accordance with Pa.R.C.P. 440.

MARGOLIS EDELSTEIN

By:

Christopher J. Pakuris, Esquire

Attorney for Defendant,

ELCO Administrative Services t/a

Enterprise Car Rental Co.

TO: PLAINTIFF
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/s/ Keith D. Heinold
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ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a/ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

DECEMBER TERM, 2014

NO. 3279

# ANSWER WITH NEW MATTER OF DEFENDANT, FCA US LLC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHRYSLER GROUP LLC, TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

Defendant, FCA US LLC, formerly known as Chrysler Group LLC (hereinafter "FCA US"), by and through its attorneys, Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, hereby sets forth its Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint with New Matter as follows.

- 1. Denied. After reasonable investigation, FCA US is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments in this paragraph, hence they are denied.
- 2. Denied in part and as stated. Effective December 15, 2014, Chrysler Group LLC changed its name to FCA US LLC. It is admitted that FCA US, formerly known as Chrysler Group LLC, manufactured and distributed the vehicle at issue. By way of further response, to the extent that the averments of this paragraph are directed to a defendant other than FCA US, no response is required from or provided by FCA US.
- 3. Denied. The averments of this paragraph are denied pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1029(e).
- 4-7. Denied. The averments of these paragraphs constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required beyond general denial. To the extent that these paragraphs are construed to contain averments of fact, they are denied pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1029(e). By way of further response, the statute of limitations for breach of warranty claims has expired. Finally, to the extent that the averments of this paragraph are directed to a defendant other than FCA US, no response is required from or provided by FCA US.
- 8. Denied. The averments of this paragraph are denied pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1029(e). By way of further response, the statute of limitations applicable to Plaintiff's claims has expired.

WHEREFORE, defendant FCA US demands that judgment be entered in its favor, together with costs.

#### NEW MATTER

- 9. FCA US incorporates its responses to paragraphs 1 through 8 above, as though the same were set forth fully herein at length.
- 10. The Complaint fails to state a claim for which relief may be granted against FCA US.
- 11. This Court lacks personal jurisdiction over FCA US in this action.
- 12. The vehicle at issue was purchased from FCA US by Enterprise Fleet Services on or about October 29, 2010.
- 13. The vehicle at issue was purchased from FCA US by Enterprise Fleet Services before December 22, 2010.
- 14. The vehicle at issue was registered by Enterprise as a rental vehicle with the Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Department on or about November 4, 2010.
- 15. The vehicle at issue was delivered to Enterprise before December 22, 2010.
- 16. Plaintiff initiated this action by way of Writ of Summons, filed on December 22, 2014
- 17. Subsequently, Plaintiff filed a Complaint, setting forth a single cause of action for breach of warranty under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 18. An action for breach of warranty must be commenced within four years after tender of delivery has been made. 13 Pa. C.S. § 2725.
- 19. Plaintiff did not commence this action until more than four years after tender of delivery of the vehicle by FCA US.
- 20. Plaintiff's claims against FCA US are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.
- 21. On or about July 23, 2013, Plaintiff commenced a personal injury action against the Estate of John T. Johnson, captioned Nisheaba Lewis v. Estate of John T. Johnson,

- <u>deceased</u>, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, July Term, 2013, No. 02925 ("the Johnson action").
- 22. Plaintiff's claims against FCA US in the instant action arose from the same motor vehicle accident at issue in the Johnson action, as Mr. Johnson was the driver of the second vehicle involved in said accident.
- 23. Plaintiff's counsel in the instant action, Robert Land, Esquire, also represented Plaintiff in the Johnson action.
- 24. Upon information and belief, the Johnson action settled prior to arbitration by means of a General Release.
- 25. The release agreement that resolved the Johnson action may extinguish all or part of Plaintiff's claims against FCA US.
- 26. The claims against FCA US may be subject to the limitations of 42 Pa.C.S. §7102.
- 27. The injuries, losses and/or damages as described in the Complaint were caused or contributed to by conditions or persons over whom FCA US had no control and for which FCA US is not responsible.
- 28. The conduct of persons and/or entities other than FCA US constitutes an intervening, superseding cause obviating any liability on the part of FCA US, the existence of any such liability being expressly and specifically denied.
- 29. The subject vehicle complied with all applicable federal safety regulations.
- 30. Any claims the vehicle was unsafe may be pre-empted.
- The only warranty offered with the vehicle was the manufacturer's original written limited warranty.

- 32. The vehicle's manufacturer may have disclaimed any implied warranties for the vehicle in question.
- 33. The rental car company from which Plaintiff rented the vehicle in question may have disclaimed any express or implied warranties for the vehicle.
- 34. The vehicle in question was reasonably fit, merchantable, and suitable for its intended purpose.
- 35. If the injuries and damages alleged were caused by a condition of the vehicle in question on the day of the accident as alleged, said condition may have been the result of the misuse, abuse or neglect, or substantial alteration, modification, and/or change in the vehicle between the time it left the custody, possession and/or control of the manufacturer and the time at which the alleged accident occurred, and not by any condition of any product sold by the manufacturer, which existed at the time said product was in the possession, custody and/or control of the manufacturer.
- 36. Any recovery based upon the allegations contained in the Complaint may be barred and/or limited by the applicable sections of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law.
- 37. Plaintiff and/or her counsel did not preserve the vehicle at issue.
- 38. Plaintiff was aware on the date of the accident that her airbag did not deploy.
- 39. Plaintiff was aware on or soon after the date of the accident that she had sustained personal injuries as a result of the accident.
- 40. To the extent that Plaintiff or any party may have failed to preserve evidence to FCA US's prejudice, the claims and causes of action against FCA US may be dismissed.

Although FCA US expressly and specifically denies that the vehicle in question was defective at the time it left the custody, possession and/or control of the manufacturer, FCA US asserts that it cannot be responsible or liable for any injuries or damages which Plaintiff would have suffered in the alleged accident if the vehicle in question had been

designed and/or manufactured in a manner in which it is claimed it should have been

designed and/or manufactured in order to make it non-defective.

42. If there is a judicial determination that Rule 238 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure is constitutional, said constitutionality being placed at issue herein, then liability for any delay damages imposed by the Court should be suspended during the

period of time that Plaintiff delayed in responding to discovery or otherwise delayed the

trial of this matter.

FCA US reserves the right to raise additional defenses as this case proceeds through 43.

discovery and towards trial.

WHEREFORE, defendant FCA US demands that judgment be entered in its favor.

together with costs.

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MARSHALL DENNEHEY WARNER **COLEMAN & GOGGIN** 

BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD Attorney for Defendant FCA US LLC,

Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC

#### <u>VERIFICATION</u>

Louann Van Der Wiele hereby states that she is Vice President & Associate General Counsel of FCA US LLC, formerly known as Chrysler Group LLC; that she is authorized to verify the facts set forth in the foregoing Answer with New Matter of Defendant, FCA US LLC, to Plaintiff's Complaint; that she has read the foregoing document and subscribed to same on behalf of FCA US LLC; that the foregoing document is based on information communicated by FCA US LLC personnel and other persons and information obtained from books and records of FCA US LLC; that the same are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief; and that this statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities. Handulle G

DATED: 10/April 2015

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Answer with New Matter of Defendant, FCA US LLC, Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC, to Plaintiff's Complaint was served this date to the following counsel via the Court's electronic filing system:

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Christopher J. Pakuris MARGOLIS EDELSTEIN The Curtis Center 170 S. Independence Mall W. Suite 400E Philadelphia, PA 19106

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BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD

Attorney for Defendant

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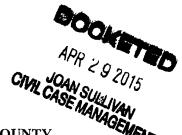
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**DATED:** April 16, 2015

Lewis Vs Fca Us, Llc Et-CMOIS







## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA TRIAL DIVISION - CIVIL

**LEWIS** 

December Term 2014

VS

No. 03279

FCA US, LLC ETAL

### CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER COMPLEX TRACK

It is Ordered that the above captioned matter is hereby assigned to the DECEMBER Pool and counsel should anticipate trial to begin expeditiously thereafter. Counsel and parties will be noticed for trial to take place during the designated trial pool month. All counsel and parties must immediately notify the Court in writing of any scheduling conflicts, including trial attachments and pre-paid vacations, and are under a continuing obligation to notify the Court of any subsequent trial attachments during the trial pool month. The Court will not recognize any untimely conflict notifications. Failure to notify the Court of any scheduling conflicts will result in the issuance of appropriate sanctions.

#### AND NOW, 29-APR-2015, it is Ordered that:

- 1. The case management and time standards adopted for complex track cases shall be applicable to this case and are hereby incorporated into this Order.
- 2. All discovery in the above matter shall be completed not later than 04-JUL-2016.
- 3. *Plaintiff's expert report*, if applicable, including any supplemental report, is to be served on opposing counsel and/or opposing party on or before 01-AUG-2016.
- 4. **Defendant's and any additional defendants' expert report** is to be served on opposing counsel and/or opposing party on or before 05-SEP-2016.
- 5. All pre-trial and dispositive motions must be filed no later than 05-SEP-2016.
- 6. A mandatory *pre-trial settlement conference* will be scheduled any time after 05-DEC-2016.

EARLIER LISTINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT. COUNSEL MUST APPEAR AT THE MANDATORY PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE AND SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE WILL RESULT IN SANCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00. Notice will be sent to all parties at least thirty (30) days in advance of the conference. Ten (10) days prior to the conference, all counsel shall serve upon all opposing counsel

and/or opposing parties and file with the Court a pre-trial settlement memorandum containing the following:

- . (a) A concise summary of the nature of the case if plaintiff or the defense if defendant or additional defendant;
  - (b) A list of all witnesses who may be called to testify at trial by name and address. Counsel should expect witnesses not listed to be precluded from testifying at trial;
  - (c) A list of all exhibits the party intends to offer into evidence. All exhibits shall be prenumbered and shall be exchanged among counsel prior to the conference. Counsel should expect any exhibit not listed to be precluded at trial;
  - (d) Plaintiff shall list an itemization of injuries or damages sustained together with all special damages claimed by category and amount. This list shall include as appropriate, computations of all past lost earnings and future lost earning capacity or medical expenses together with any other unliquidated damages claimed; and
  - (e) Defendant shall state its position regarding damages and shall identify all applicable insurance carriers, together with applicable limits of liability; and
  - (f) Each counsel shall provide an estimate of the anticipated length of trial.

#### FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF MONETARY SANCTIONS.

All Motions in Limine shall be filed in accordance with electronic filing procedures not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of trial. Responding counsel shall have ten (10) days thereafter to file any response. For pool cases, the start of the trial is defined as the first day of the trial pool listing.

Requests to extend any case management deadline or for trial continuance must be submitted by filing a Motion for Extraordinary relief and filed prior to the expiration of the deadline in question.

Any requests for a date-certain trial listing must be submitted in writing with specificity, with a copy to opposing party, and directed to the Honorable Idee C. Fox, Team Leader, via facsimile (215-686-5137) or US Mail (622 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107). However, said requests may be made only under exigent circumstances.

Counsel should have substitute counsel prepared to conduct settlement conference and/or trial where practicable.

All counsel are under a continuing obligation and are hereby ordered to serve a copy of this Order upon all unrepresented parties and upon all counsel entering an appearance subsequent to the entry of this order. Lelover- fulle Cut

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NISHEABA LEWIS **COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

FCA US LLC, d/b/a DECEMBER TERM, 2014

CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC NO. 3279 and

ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a/ ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

#### TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Defendant, FCA US LLC, Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC, hereby requests a trial by a jury of twelve (12) members plus two alternates; trial to proceed as long as there are twelve (12) members available.

#### MARSHALL DENNEHEY WARNER **COLEMAN & GOGGIN**

BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD Attorney for Defendant FCA US LLC, Formerly Known as

Chrysler Group LLC

**DATED:** April 30, 2015

TO: CO-DEFENDANT
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO
PLEAD TO THE ENCEOSED CROSSCLAIM WITHIN TWENT (29) DAYS
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MAY BE ENTERED TO FORTE

/s/ Keith D. Heinold
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Attorney for Defendant,
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NISHEABA LEWIS : COURT OF COMMON PLEAS : PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

v. :

FCA US LLC, d/b/a : DECEMBER TERM, 2014

CHRYSLER CORPORATION, a/k/a : CHRYSLER GROUP LLC : NO. 3279

and : NO. 3279

ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a/ ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

# ANSWER WITH CROSS-CLAIM OF DEFENDANT, FCA US LLC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHRYSLER GROUP LLC, TO NEW MATTER AND CROSS-CLAIM OF DEFENDANT ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Defendant, FCA US LLC, formerly known as Chrysler Group LLC (hereinafter "FCA US"), by and through its attorneys, Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, hereby sets forth its Answer and Cross-Claim to the New Matter and Cross-Claim of Defendant Elco Administrative Services t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co. ("Enterprise"), as follows:

## ANSWER OF FCA US TO ENTERPRISE'S NEW MATTER

- 9-12. These paragraphs are directed to a party other than FCA US, and so no response is required from FCA US.
- 13-14. Denied. FCA US denies the allegations in these paragraphs pursuant to Pa R.C.P. 1029(e). By way of further response, FCA US refers Enterprise to its response to paragraphs 34-36, below.
- 15-16. These paragraphs are directed to a party other than FCA US, and so no response is required from FCA US.
- 17. Denied. FCA US denies the allegations in these paragraphs pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1029(e).
- 18-33. These paragraphs are directed to a party other than FCA US, and no response is required from FCA US.

WHEREFORE, defendant FCA US demands that judgment be entered in its favor, together with costs.

#### ANSWER OF FCA US TO NEW MATTER CROSSCLAIM OF ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGAINST FCA US LLC

- 34. The averments set forth in FCA US's Answer with New Matter to Plaintiff's Complaint, as well as FCA US's Answer to Enterprise's New Matter, above, are incorporated by reference, as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 35. Denied as stated. It is admitted that the vehicle being operated by Plaintiff at the time and place described in the Complaint was manufactured and distributed by FCA US.

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36. Denied. FCA US denies the allegations in this paragraph pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 1029(e). By way of further response, it is denied that FCA US is alone liable, jointly and severally liable, or liable over to Enterprise on the cause of action declared upon in Plaintiff's Complaint. It is further denied that FCA US is liable to Enterprise for indemnity, subrogation, or contribution, whether pursuant to contract, lease, or common law.

WHEREFORE, defendant FCA US demands that judgment be entered in its favor, together with costs.

## NEW MATTER CROSSCLAIM OF FCA US LLC AGAINST ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 37. FCA US denies any and all liability to Plaintiff or any other party, and it incorporates its Answer with New Matter to Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein at length.
- 38. If Plaintiff has suffered damages and losses as alleged, which are denied, and for the purposes of this cross-claim only, FCA US asserts those damages and losses were caused by the liability producing conduct on the part of Defendant Enterprise, as alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, the averments of which are incorporated herein without admission to the same.
- 39. By virtue of the foregoing, Defendant Enterprise is solely liable to Plaintiff on the underlying cause of action, jointly and severally liable with FCA US, and/or liable over to FCA US by way of contribution and/or indemnity, any such liability on the part of FCA US being expressly denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant FCA US demands that judgment be entered in its favor, together with costs.

## MARSHALL DENNEHEY WARNER COLEMAN & GOGGIN

BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD
Attorney for Defendant
FCA US LLC,
Formerly Known as Chrysler Group LLC

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Answer with New Matter Cross-Claim of Defendant, FCA US LLC, to the New Matter and Cross-Claim of Defendant Elco Administrative Services was served this date to the following counsel via the Court's electronic filing system:

Robert Land The Curtis Center 601 Walnut Street, Suite 160 West Philadelphia, PA 19106

Christopher J. Pakuris MARGOLIS EDELSTEIN The Curtis Center 170 S. Independence Mall W. Suite 400E Philadelphia, PA 19106

## MARSHALL DENNEHEY WARNER COLEMAN & GOGGIN

BY: /s/ Keith D. Heinold

KEITH D. HEINOLD
Attorney for Defendant
FCA US LLC,

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**DATED:** April 30, 2015

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

The Curtis Center 601 Walnut Street, Suite 160 West Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 627-8222 Attorney ID #04741 Attorney for Plaintiff



NISHEABA LEWIS

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And

ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, :

t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

NO. 3279

## PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO THE NEW MATTER OF DEFENDANT, ELCO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, t/a ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL CO.

9. - 12., 14. - 17, 20. - 31., & 33. **DENIED:** These are all conclusions of law not requiring further response.

13. It is **ADMITTED** that FCA US, LLC, is legally liable to plaintiff.

18. & 19. **DENIED:** Although it is admitted that plaintiff's car accident occurred on May 29, 2011, and that the tort action is barred by the statute of limitations, this suit is brought under the Uniform Commercial Code, specifically 13 Pa. C.S. §2725 which sets forth a four-year statutory period with exceptions noted therein.

32. **DENIED:** After reasonable investigation, plaintiff is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this averment.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully seeks the remedies set forth in her Complaint.

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

#### **VERIFICATION**

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE, states that he is the attorney for Nisheaba Lewis, the plaintiff in the foregoing action; that he is authorized to take this Verification on plaintiff's behalf, and that the facts set forth in Plaintiff's Reply to the New Matter of Defendant, Elco Administrative Services, t/a Enterprise Car Rental Co., are true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

This statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: 4/38/15

#### **ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE**

The Curtis Center 601 Walnut Street, Suite 160 West Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 627-8222 Attorney ID #04741 Attorney for Plaintiff



NISHEABA LEWIS : COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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NO. 3279

## PLAINTIFF'S REPLY TO THE NEW MATTER OF DEFENDANT, FCA US LLC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHRYSLER GROUP LLC

9., 16. – 18., 21., 23., 25., 38. & 39. ADMITTED, except with regard to paragraph #18 exceptions prevail.

12. - 15., 19., 31. - 33. **DENIED:** After reasonable investigation, plaintiff is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of these averments.

- 22. **ADMITTED AND DENIED, EACH IN PART:** It is **ADMITTED** that the claims against answering defendant involved the Johnson accident, yet separate damages arose from the Johnson tort and this cause, the latter not constituting admittedly a superseding cause.
- 24. **DENIED:** The Johnson action was settled pursuant to the attached Release which contains all the terms of the settlement.

43. **DENIED:** This can be accomplished by agreement or Court decree and not by reservation of rights.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully seeks the remedies set forth in her Complaint.

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

#### <u>VERIFICATION</u>

ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE, states that he is the attorney for Nisheaba Lewis, the plaintiff in the foregoing action; that he is authorized to take this Verification on plaintiff's behalf; and that the facts set forth in plaintiff's Reply to the New Matter of Defendant, FCA US LLC, formerly known as Chrysler Group LLC, are true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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ROBERT LAND, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: 5 /5 /15



## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA TRIAL DIVISION – CIVIL

LEWIS

December Term 2014

VS

No. 03279

FCA US, LLC ETAL

#### REVISED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Be advised that the Case Management Order issued for the above-captioned action has been revised as follows:

- 1. All discovery shall be completed not later than 04-JUL-2016.
- 2. Plaintiff shall submit expert reports not later than 01-AUG-2016.
- Defendant shall submit expert reports not later than 05-SEP-2016.
- 4. All pre-trial motions shall be filed not later than 05-SEP-2016.
- 5. A settlement conference will be scheduled any time after 03-OCT-2016.
- 6. A pre-trial conference will be scheduled at any time after 05-DEC-2016.
- 7. It is expected that this case shall be ready for trial by 03-JAN-2017.

All other terms and conditions on the original Case Management Order will remain in full force and effect.

BY THE COURT:

Date:

LISA RAU, J.

TEAM LEADER

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